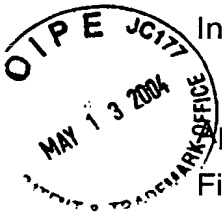


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re the Application of:

Narutoshi FUKUZAWA

Application No.: 09/818,584

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

After filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated November 14, 2003, the period for response being extended to May 14, 2004, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application prior to examination on the merits as set forth below.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 3 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1 and 4-6 are amended.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)